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ELECTION OF SPECIES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2010, Applicants elect without traverse Species II. Claims 23-29 read on the elected species. Examination on the merits is in order, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

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